

DETECTIVE HELD AS HIS WIFE IS SLAIN IN OFFICE

Private Sleuth Says Two Men Shot Her, But Gun Is Found Hidden.

New York, Aug. 31.—Eighty street was crowded at 6 o'clock last night with homeward-bound workers when the reports of several revolver shots sounded from the office of Samuel Lettner's private detective agency at 52 West Eighth street, not far from Mercer street, and only a little more than a block from Broadway. A bullet flew through the plate glass window in front of Lettner's office, making a small, round hole, from which long streaks of smoke poured toward the corner of the window.

Men ran up the long stairs from the street and rushed into the office, where they came on Lettner holding a man in his arms. At sight of them he shouted:

"Someone shot my wife. She's dead. Telephone for the police."

Samuel Lettner, 52 West Eighth street, who had been waiting for his trucking stand across the street, raced up to Broadway, where he found Traffic Policeman Smith. The policeman ran back with him, stopping only long enough to call an ambulance, and presently Dr. Mahoney arrived from St. Vincent's hospital. He found that two bullets had struck Mrs. Lettner in the right breast, two in the left, and one in the right hand. She was dead.

Several detectives from headquarters arrived with Inspector Gray, Acting Captain Devery of the Mercer street station, and other police experts. They found 17 men and women, who had crowded into the small office, and detained all of these long enough to take their names and addresses before driving them out of the office. Then they questioned Lettner.

Empty Revolver Found.

He declared that two men wearing gray caps had entered the office, murdered his wife, and fled to the street. Later, however, a revolver containing six empty shells was found shoved out of sight beneath the tin apron of an unused chimney opening where a stove pipe might fit in, and Lettner was invited to police headquarters, where he was taken to the police station.

Lettner said his home was at 1,213 Forty-first street, Borough Park, Brooklyn, and he had five children, the eldest 10 years old and the youngest 3 months, although his wife, Sarah, was only 27 years old. He did not tell anything of his home life, but Marion Street, a servant employed by the Lettners for the last two months, said that husband and wife had quarreled constantly since she had been with them. This had grown worse in the last two weeks, the girl said, and only last Thursday night, she said, Lettner had driven his wife from the house at midnight and only in her nightdress. Neighbors took her in and later persuaded Lettner to let her return, the girl said. The quarrelling did not cease, however, said the servant, and heard Mrs. Lettner say:

"Now you have gone the limit. I'm going to expose you and your methods to the police."

She said Lettner and his wife had left the house together yesterday morning, for on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mrs. Lettner went to the Germania Hospital for treatment for a threatened nervous breakdown. Lettner, in his talk to the police, mentioned this and said also his wife had been hunting for new quarters and had called last evening for him to escort her home after a day of house

hunting. She had been more than usually nervous, he said, and had kept calling to him, "Hurry up, Sam, I want to go home."

Wife Near His Desk.

He said he had been at work at his desk while his wife walked uneasily up and down beside the desk. Lettner's office is at the left as one enters the building. A door gives into a small space shut off from the rest of the office by a wooden railing, in which there is a gate. This gate is closed to an iron grille that crosses the width of the office and shuts Lettner and his desk into a small space by itself. There is a door in this, also giving into the enclosed space behind the wooden railing, and at the other end is another door in a tall wooden partition shutting off the rear of the big room. Lettner's quarters occupy only half of the front space, a glass partition extending from floor to ceiling shutting him off from the quarters of the New York and Brooklyn Window Cleaning Company, whose office is entered only from the rear room.

Lettner's high roll-top desk is backed against the grille, so that its top shuts off his view of the outer office when he is seated at it though the floor on which it stands is elevated a foot above the general floor. It was on this platform that Mrs. Lettner walked up and down in front of the door in the grille, which was open.

Lettner said the shots came so fast that the two men were already hurrying from the office even when he sprang up from his seat at the desk. He caught his wife as she fell.

He lowered her to the floor, he said, and ran through the door and out to the top of the stoop. Below him the sidewalk was jammed with men and women, but nowhere did he catch sight of men in gray caps. He ran back and then the crowd from the sidewalk surged in. Others came downstairs from offices higher up in the building, but no one had seen two men such as Lettner described.

Saw No One Leave Building.

Meyer and John Belmont, 125 Second avenue, and Theodore Miller, 381 Washington avenue, the Bronx, who ran over with Meyer, said they had seen no one descend the stairs after hearing the reports of the shots, and said they had not even seen Lettner come to the door, and look up and down the street.

Coroner Feinberg, with Deputy Police Commissioner Guy Scull and Assistant District Attorney Barker, took charge of the investigation. The coroner said the bullets had been fired very close to Mrs. Lettner, for there were powder marks on her left hand and her underarm showed marks also. Her outer wrist was black and the marks were not so distinct. It was the bullet that struck her right hand that afterward passed through the window, and the coroner said the shots had been fired so close to the woman that probably she had raised her hand to grasp the pistol.

Lettner said he had been threatened frequently by friends of thieves he had prosecuted and suggested the murder had resulted from some of these. He could give no description of the men he said he had seen, however.

Inspector Gray said he arrested Lettner in 1902 on a charge of pocketing, but Lettner was discharged. Gray said that seven years ago Lettner's picture was removed from the Rogues' Gallery.

LOUISIANA VOTING ON CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—Louisiana voters today were balloting on the question of calling a constitutional convention here September 14 and at the same time voted for delegates. The convention would consider certain state financial problems.

BLIND ENTERTAIN IN HAPPY STYLE AT BIG CONCERT

The concert and entertainment given last evening in Warner hall by the blind people of Bridgeport under the direction of A. M. Thompson, of Brooklyn, who is well known as the "sightless lecturer," was a most successful affair. The entertainment was the benefit of all of Bridgeport's blind, but W. W. Banker, who lost his sight in the explosion at the Remington Arms-U. M. C. factory, a year ago, was especially benefited.

Mr. Thompson was an interesting speaker, telling of the life of the blind from the days of the Bible to the present time, and explaining the various reasons why a blind person is able to find his way about and do many things which to those who are not blind it would seem impossible to accomplish without sight.

C. E. Coffin of Brooklyn played a number of musical selections on various instruments, and in addition to the announced program Ruth Barber, a 10 year old local girl attending the school for blind in Hartford, in a well executed dance, won much applause.

The program:

Piano overture, by Prof. V. Proca-

Whistling, vocal and cornet solos, by C. E. Coffin.

Cornet solo, by S. Bond.

"A Little Bit of Heaven," song by Miss E. Crowther.

Baritone horn solo, by H. Strout.

Lecture, "The Blind, Their Abilities and Possibilities," by A. M. Thompson.

Demonstration of typewriter, by G. E. Mills.

Demonstration of Braille letter writing, by Miss C. Vervaeke.

Clarinet solo, by Miss L. Burger.

Piano recital, by Prof. V. Proca-

Vocal selection, by H. Strout.

Imitations, monologues, etc., by C. E. Coffin.

Closing with "Star Spangled Banner," by M. Strout.

HENKELS STRIKERS PRESS CLAIM FOR UNION RECOGNITION

Until a recognition of a committee of employees to review grievances is allowed by the Albert & B. Henkels Co., the employees of that concern will accept none of the promises of the company, according to a decision of the girls at a meeting held this afternoon in Eagles' hall.

Everything but the committee rights has been allowed, but the strikers will insist on acquiescence to all their requests. It is expected the difficulty will be adjusted speedily, by another offer from the company. It was voted this afternoon not to approach the officials again, but rather to wait for their decision.

Many friends gathered last night at the home of Charles Riccio, 915 Noble avenue, to celebrate the homecoming of their host, with a diploma certifying to his successful completion of the pharmacy course at Valparaiso University, Indiana. He expects soon to open a pharmacy in East Bridgeport.

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MRS. SCULLY'S HIGH TRIBUTE TO SHOP WOMEN

Organizer Says They Have Been Mainstay in Fight For Better Conditions.

PREDICTS VICTORY IF ALL STAND FIRM

Bryant Employees Maintain That Factory Head Has Not Dealt Fairly.

A tribute to the women and girls of the Bridgeport factories for their fight for the eight-hour day and better working conditions, was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Mary Scully, at the mass meeting of employees of the Bryant Electric Co.

"It's the women of Bridgeport who made the fight," said Mrs. Scully. "They have been the backbone of this fight for eight hours. I am proud of the women of Bridgeport. They will win everything in the end if they stick together."

The meeting of the Bryant employees yesterday was in the nature of an indignation meeting. Waldo C. Bryant, head of the Bryant Electric Co., had promised a meeting with James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L., when he returned to this city after a conference with out of town officials.

While Mr. Roche continually called the factory on the telephone and committees visited the offices, the answer was given always that Mr. Bryant was out of town.

Girls testified at the meeting that he had been in Bridgeport yesterday morning while Mr. Roche was vainly trying to locate him. Much criticism was heard at the meeting and several speakers were plainly perturbed about the matter.

"I expected a settlement to-day," said Mr. Roche, "but if Mr. Bryant wants to act that way, the only thing we can do is to stick together and continue the strike. We have been willing to listen to reason and all we asked was a chance to talk things over. We have been orderly and have not molested the factory."

Mr. Roche asked the girls and men to hold up their hands if they were willing to continue the strike, stick together and maintain their attitude until they got what they asked. All hands were raised.

Mr. Roche said that he heard Mr. Bryant objected to the size of the employees' committee, which is made up of members from each department of the factory. He said that a smaller committee will be named, or any like concession will be made provided it is reasonable.

A meeting of the Bryant girls was called for 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Roche said he would make further efforts to get in touch with Mr. Bryant.

HENKELS' EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO PICKET; DEMAND RECOGNITION

Renewed picketing at the Alb. and B. Henkels' Lace Co., was decided upon at a meeting of the strikers held Monday when it was decided not to accept the capitulation of the management unless the acceptance of the grievance committee clause was made.

An officer and 16 members of the British training ship Cornwall were lost when that boat was in collision with a tug in the Thames river.

CHINA PRESIDENT MAKES PLEA FOR "UNITED ACTION"

Pekin, Aug. 31.—President Yuan Shi Kai uttered at a recent cabinet meeting an impressive plea for united action in China which made a deep impression upon Chinese officials. Its publication in English today caused much discussion among foreigners. The Pekin Gazette characterizes the address as "couched in the usual language of over-emphasis" but makes no attempt to discount the seriousness of the dishonesty and inefficiency of Chinese officials which the president denounced as a great menace to the republic at a time when outside pressure is threatened.

"Our superiority in Southern Manchuria has gradually gone into the hands of foreigners," said the President. "The foreign aggressor has come to their doors but our people are still dallying in the mist of calamities. As I am advanced in age and have received the sacred and weighty trust from the T'ang Dynasty, how can I let the country go to ruin when I am assuming the duties of chief executive of the republic? By all means I must save the country. To avert the impending disaster is the sacred duty which rests upon the shoulders of some of us."

"We cannot be ignorant of history of Poland and Annam. During the crisis of recent China-Japanese negotiations, it was a good sign that our people were greatly awakened by the threatening calamity. Should they again quickly forget the indignity the country received, the greater calamity of the country is bound to come."

President Yuan Shi Kai concluded his appeal with this warning:

"Now the situation of our country is comparable to a small boat wandering on a wild sea. It is not the time for us to pursue our pleasures and let things drift into the course of destruction. Above all do not forget the national disgrace of May 28, 1915, off your easy garment and cast away your habitual laziness and go ahead with all your effort to avert the fate of impending disaster so as to protect the people and save the country."

BANK OFFICIALS FACE TRIAL FOR MISUSING FUNDS

Syracuse, Aug. 31.—The trial of Barron Eugene F. E. Oppenheim, former Assemblyman, Richard Murphy and former Assistant State Commissioner of Education Howard Rogers, charged with embezzling more than \$28,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Amsterdam, N. Y., was opened here today in the United States court.

The indictment against William T. Brice, a teller in the bank, was not moved by the government at this time. He is to appear as the chief witness for the prosecution.

The government, it is expected, will attempt to show a conspiracy to defraud the bank.

Mayor Names Self On Bridge Boards

Mayor Wilson has named himself as the head of commissions which will disburse nearly one million dollars of bond issues which the tax payers have voted. His latest self made nomination is to head the East Washington avenue bridge commission, which is to distribute \$125,000 of the people's money. The mayor already is head of the Sutroford avenue bridge commission and has a \$400,000 bond issue to dispose of and also of the Grand street bridge commission, which will handle \$220,000. Other members of the East Washington avenue bridge commission are: William E. Plimrose, Mauritz Olson, Daniel E. Walker and Patrick H. Brady. Mayor Wilson, according to his own statement, sees nothing incongruous in the fact that he has named himself to disburse the largest sums ever voted in a single administration, although the disbursement of the money is bound to extend long beyond the tenure of his office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Charles Henry Armstrong of 20 Brooklawn avenue and William Fabre MacFarlane of North avenue have been appointed delegates from Connecticut to attend the triennial meeting of the general society of Mayflower Descendants to be held in Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

VESSEL WITH COPPER CARGO IS ABANDONED

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—Loaded with a cargo of copper valued at \$250,000, the freighter Edith, of the Alaska Navigation Co., Captain C. B. Mullen, was reported today helplessly adrift and abandoned by her crew, 50 miles off Cape Hinchinbrook, southern Alaska. The Edith was homeward bound from Nome.

Public Demonstration of Caponizing Will Be Given at Black Rock

The Fairfield County Farm Bureau has been carrying on a varied line of demonstration work throughout the county, assisted by S. J. Wright, farm agent, and experts from the Extension Service of the Connecticut Agricultural College.

A public caponizing demonstration will be held at the farm of Jonathan Thorne, Schoonhoven Farm, near Black Rock Yacht club, Bridgeport, at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Mr. Roy E. Jones of the Poultry Department of Storrs will conduct the demonstration and all parties interested in this instructive work are cordially invited.

Advance Fall Styles in velvet covered hats, velvet and satin covered hats, trimmed and untrimmed hats and trimmings of every description at wholesale prices at E. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1105 Main street.—Adv.

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Listen - Folks!

The GoldE Clothes Shop is going to locate in Bridgeport. They'll open for business about September 10th. The large store at 1228 Main Street, opposite the Hotel Stratfield, is now being remodeled along most modern lines.

Look it over as you pass by and see the dandy front and clothing fixtures which are being installed. The GoldE Shop will be a pride to the City of Bridgeport!

And another good thing worth mentioning! Mr. Wm. H. Beirne, of life-long experience and expert ability as a Clothing Man, will be the local manager. He knows the clothing business like a book and has his customer's interests, at heart, at all times.

The GoldE Clothes Shops are operating a large chain of stores all over the country. All shops meet with a remarkable success because of the excellent clothes values they give at, always, \$10-or-\$15.

GoldE Clothes are sold "DIRECT-from-MAKER-to-WEARER"—no middlemen! They've got the style—they've got the fit—they've got the woollens and tailoring of \$20-to-\$25 garments. All GoldE Suits and Overcoats are made in the GoldE Plant, at the GoldE Corner, Third at Wooster Streets, New York City.

They've been making clothes for the past 25 years and know the "ins-and-outs" of skillful manufacturing. In every GoldE garment is a GoldE Bond for the wearer's protection. This backs up the clothes, with a perpetual guaranty, to give all-round service and full satisfaction, for all time.

The one big aim of this Golden Rule Shop is to give each GoldE customer his money's-most and a square-deal as well.

Come in and see Mr. Beirne on "Goldemonstration Day," about September 10th, and let him show you the Smartest Fifth-Avenue Styles for the coming Fall season. It'll be a feast for your eyes and a treat for your pocket book.

BRYANT'S RETURN EXPECTED TO END WEST END STRIKE

Settlement of the strike at the Bryant Electric Co. appears to be near and the fact that Waldo C. Bryant, president of the company, is out of town, appears to be the only hitch. James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L., tried several times this morning to get into communication with Mr. Bryant, without success.

The sentiment prevails among labor leaders that nothing but a final conference to adjust several matters, remains. A mass meeting of the employees of the factory was called for this afternoon.

Wilson High Gun At Housatonic Club Shoot

Shooting on the new grounds for the first time Saturday the Housatonic Rod and Gun club held the sixth regular trapshoot which had been postponed from August 14. A strong wind prevented the shooters from Wilson was high with 48 and Cutter second with 42. The scores were as follows:

Regular program, 50 targets. L. Wilson, 48; C. B. Butter, 43; James Halpin, 38; L. W. Burgess, 31; Ray Curley, 30; M. Stangl, 28; Normand, 27; J. J. Ruces, 26; Blakesley, 26; F. Morris, 24; E. W. Long, 23; F. G. Healey, 23; W. F. Hoerle, 23; H. E. Jones, 21; A. A. Horn, 19; R. G. Lewis, 16; E. W. Phelps, 9; Karl Rutan, 16; Larkin, 9; A. F. Hoerle, 8; W. C. Haller, 5.

Beginners competed in the first event for a special prize, a bronze watch fob, donated by the Dupont Powder Co. Those who shot and their

scores were as follows: Fred. Morris was high with 13 out of 25, thereby winning the prize. Others were: Long, 10; Healy, 9; N. F. Hoerle, 8; Lewis, 5; Haller, 5; Jones, 4; Phelps, 2.

To Sue Davey Bros. For Damages; Horse Fatally Hurt Womans

Attorney John H. Casey has filed a petition in the probate court asking for papers of administration on the estate of Rose Carlin, who formerly resided in North Main street. The petition is the preliminary step to a suit for damages which Attorney Casey will bring against Joseph and Peter M. Davey, who under the firm name of Davey Bros., conduct a chain of grocery stores in this city. It is claimed that a horse attached to a delivery wagon of the firm and driven by a boy named Henry Jones, who was in their employ, ran down Mrs. Carlin and inflicted injuries upon her from which she afterward died. Attorney Casey has been retained by her husband, Philip Carlin, to bring suit.

OBITUARY

JOSEPH ENNIS. Death came yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital to Joseph, the six-months' old son of Mrs. William Ennis of 87 Waterman street. Mrs. Ennis has many friends who will be grieved to learn of the death of her son.

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George Washington—"Father of His Country"

EVERY AMERICAN knows that without "Immortal Washington" our National Independence would have been impossible. Few, however, know that the greatest battle of Washington's life was fought to secure for his countrymen the Constitution of the United States. Almost immediately after the Revolution it seemed that all the great sacrifice of blood and treasure had been in vain. The original thirteen states refused to work in harmony, either in spirit or in law. The new Republic was tottering to its foundations. At this critical period in American history the most brilliant men of each state met in convention and unanimously elected Washington as President—undoubtedly the most momentous gathering of the kind the world has ever known. Here he displayed as great ability as law-maker as he had as a warrior. For months the Fathers of the Republic labored, and finally adopted our present National Law, which forever guarantees Religious, Commercial and Personal Liberty. This was in 1787. Seventy years later Anheuser-Busch established their great institution upon the tenets of the Federal law which Washington did so much to create. Like all of the great men of his time, he was a moderate user of good old barley brews. For three generations Anheuser-Busch have brewed honest malt and hop beers. To-day 7500 people are daily employed to keep pace with the ever-increasing public demand. The great popularity of their famous brand—BUDWEISER—due to quality, purity, mildness and exquisite flavor, has made its sales exceed those of any other beer by millions of bottles.

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